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APRIL 6.

The President, SAMUEL G. DIXON, M. D., in the Chair.

Twenty-nine persons present.

APRIL 13.

The President, SAMUEL G. DIXON, M. D., in the Chair.

Thirty-eight persons present.

Papers under the following titles were presented for publication :—

“A Contribution to the Mammalogy of Central Pennsylvania,”
by Samuel N. Rhoads.

“A New Southeastern Race of the Little Brown Bat,” by Samuel
N. Rhoads.

“Contributions to a Knowledge of the Hymenoptera of Brazil,
No. 2—Pompilidæ,” by Wm. J. Fox.

“Notes on Plant Monstrosities,” by Ida A. Keller.

The death, on the 12th inst., of Edward D. Cope, a member, was
announced, whereupon the following minute was unanimously
adopted :—

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia has received
with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of PROF.
EDWARD DRINKER COPE. It is fitting that this meeting should
place on record a minute expressive of its sense of the loss sustained.

The Academy witnessed the beginning and the end of his long
labors. It was to its halls he came as a student in 1859, and it was
to them he paid his last visit before his final illness. The lustre
thrown upon the society by his researches is but a reflex of the
spirit of this remarkable man who exhibited, in a way rarely
equalled in the history of science, the consecration of a powerful in-
tellect to the pursuit of the knowledge of nature. To an almost
unerring accuracy of observation he conjoined admirable judgment.
He was unexcelled as an expert in the field of vertebrate zoology of
both present and extinct forms; he discovered great numbers of
genera and species; he announced startling and epoch-making
schemes of classification; he framed comprehensive systems of phil-
osophy based on biologic premises.

One hesitates which to admire most: the tenacity of his memory, the brilliancy of his wit, or the ease with which he used his enormous erudition. To any community, and at any time, the loss of such a man is a calamity.

The Committee on the Hayden Geological Memorial Award reported in favor of conferring the medal and interest on the fund for 1897 on Prof. A. Karpinski, of St. Petersburg, Director of the Geological Survey of Russia.

PROF. KARPINSKI has long been the most prominent figure among Russian geologists, and, in spite of the claims upon his time and energy of the Geological Survey of Russia's gigantic domain—very far the largest region in the world under the direction of a single man—he has found time to contribute valuable additions to our knowledge in many different fields. Some of these are:—

Geological Investigations and Exploration of the Coal Deposits of the Eastern Urals. 1880.

Remarks on the Sedimentary Formation of Russia-in-Europe.

Origin of the Iron Ore in the Donety Basin.

Geographical Observations on the Urals.

Sedimentary Beds of the Tertiary of the Eastern Urals.

Reference to the Occurrence of Permo-Carbonic Measures in Darwazminca. 1884.

Ammonites from the Ural. 1884.

Fossil Pteropods. 1884.

Essay on Unification, etc. 1884.

Geological Map of the Urals. 1884.

Materials for the Study of the Methods of Petrographic Research. 1885.

Geological Map of Russia, Sheet 139.

Orographic Description. 1886.

Prof. Karpinski has been prominent in the councils of the International Geological Congress, his ability and eminence suggesting his selection as the President of the general committee of organization of the coming Congress. The Committee hopes to present farther details of Prof. Karpinski's life at a later date.

APRIL 20.

The President, SAMUEL G. DIXON, M. D., in the Chair.

Thirty-four persons present.

The deaths, February, 1897, of Baron Constantin von Ettingshausen and of Prof. Karl Claus, correspondents, were announced.